

**TENNESSEE GENERAL ASSEMBLY  
FISCAL REVIEW COMMITTEE**



**FISCAL NOTE**

**HB 2672 - SB 2542**

February 7, 2012

**SUMMARY OF BILL:** Prohibits health care providers or health care facilities from making verbal or written inquiries as to whether a patient or a patient's family member owns, possesses, or stores a firearm or ammunition, unless it is believed that the inquiry is relevant to the patient's medical care or safety or to the safety of others. Prohibits insurance companies or agents from denying coverage, increasing premiums, or discriminating against any insured or applicant for insurance based upon the insured or applicant's lawful ownership or possession of a firearm or ammunition or lawful use or storage of such.

**ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:**

**NOT SIGNIFICANT**

Assumptions:

- Ensuring compliance with the provisions of this bill and any resulting disciplinary actions will not result in a significant fiscal or regulatory impact on the Department of Health or the Division of Health Related Boards and can be accommodated within existing resources.
- The Department of Commerce and Insurance will ensure compliance through the rates and forms filing approvals processes and through regular examinations of the regulated insurance companies or agents. Any examinations costs are covered by insurance companies and agents. Any increase in state expenditures will be not significant any can be accommodated within existing resources without an increased appropriation or reduced reversion.
- Pursuant to Tenn. Code Ann. § 4-3-1011 and Tenn. Code Ann. § 68-11-216, all health-related boards are required to be self-supporting over a two-year period. As of June 30, 2011, the Division of Health Related Boards had a cumulative balance of \$10,859,982.82, and the Board for Licensing Health Care Facilities had a balance of \$594,768.55.

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**CERTIFICATION:**

The information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Lucian D. Geise". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Lucian" written in a larger, more prominent script than the last name "Geise".

Lucian D. Geise, Executive Director

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